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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: <u>Kazuo Sugimoto et al.</u> for : <u>VIDEO ENCODING APPARATUS, VIDEO</u>

ENCODING METHOD, VIDEO ENCODING PROGRAM, VIDEO DECODING APPARATUS, VIDEO DECODING METHOD AND

| VIDEO | DECOL | ING | PROGRAM. | Enclosed are: |
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| \boxtimes | 28 sheet(s) of drawings, 92 pages of application (including title page), and the following Appendices : N/A. |
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| \boxtimes | Unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. |
| | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. |
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| Claims as Filed | Col. 1 | Col. 2 |
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| For . | No. Filed | No. Extra |
| Basic Fee | | |
| Total Claims | 12-20 | 0 |
| Indep. Claims | 6-3 | 3 |
| Multiple Depender | nt Claims Prese | ent |

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| Small Entity | |
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| Rate | Fee |
| Y services | \$ 385 |
| x\$9= x\$43= +\$145= | \$ |
| x\$43= | \$ |
| +\$145= | \$ |
| Total | \$ |

Other Than Small Entity

| or | Rate | Fee |
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| or | • | \$ 770 |
| or | x\$18= | \$ |
| or | 3x\$86= | \$258 |
| or | +\$290= | \$ |
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